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Award winner
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Chairman's Report

Hi everyone.

Well, it has finally come to an end, or very close anyway. My tenure as Chairman of the Nanaimo Branch is near at hand, with only two more meetings left. It has been an adventure for me. I came into the position very "green" and am going out with a pretty good idea of what the club is all about. At times I thought that I would never get a handle on the workings of the club. My thanks to Al Thompson for his support and guidance.

We have a really good mix of people in the club with lots of expertise and has been a good resource for me.

The club has expanded to about 120 members, (good work, Mike) and, if we get bigger we may have to move to larger premises. This is really good news as the more members we have the more we support the Old English Cars we so enjoy. I have noticed that we have a few younger members, which is really nice to see as they are the ones who will be carrying the torch for our cars.

This is a sort of sad time of year, as most of us have put our cars to "bed" for the winter, no more runs that I know of. I will certainly miss the companionship of all you people until we start again in the spring.

Candy no doubt has already started up a calendar of events for the coming touring season.

Just remember that this is a fun club, a social club, a mechanics club, a touring club, a show and shine club. Lets not forget that fun is the operate word no matter which part you lean to..

May all the wind be at your back, and, may the sun shine on your face every day.

Norman Hall
Chairman
Central Island Branch

Lighthouse Fall Fair Run Sept. 4 , 2010

We were lucky in that the weather was much better this year than in 2009 when it poured with rain for most of the day. This year it was fine on Saturday 4th September as 10 of our fine old English cars gathered at Canadian Tire for the 8:30 am departure, heading north. On the way to the Fair site, at Qualicum Bay, we were joined by five more cars and headed into the Fairgrounds in convoy just before the opening at 10 am. We looked quite impressive with all our 15 cars lined up – all brightly-coloured sports cars, except for the Knol's 1964 Landrover and the Thompson's 1965 London taxi at one end of the line. Our cars seemed to attract quite a few 'lookers' from among the visitors to the Fair. Once parked, we circulated through the various stalls and demonstrations at the Fair – all typical country fair stuff. There were lots of arts and craft stalls, farm produce outlets, kiddies

competitions, and non-stop entertainment in three different locations. Our favourites from last year – the brightly dressed, 30 or so, 'Cloggers' - were back doing their synchronized dance routines to much applause from the crowd. When we had arrived, we got word that our OECC group were to be given a free hamburger or hotdog for lunch. However, it was later confirmed that it was all a mistake and that we were not being given any freebies – but that was only after about half our group had already got their free hamburgers. So some of us had to pay – well, such is life! Sorry Dennis! Other than for the no-free-lunch issue, it was a very pleasant day, with lots to see and do, and lots of opportunity for chin-wagging within our group. When the fair was closing, at 4 pm, a largish group of us decided to stay together for dinner. The day ended with 15 of us having a fine dinner at Deez Restaurant in Qualicum Beach...*Al Thompson*



Cowichan Valley Wine Tour Sept. 19 , 2010

Nine cars (4 DD's) and 5 club cars (finally the jags were in the majority of 3 to 2) ventured out with the hope of a bright day. We got very lucky and saw sun almost all day. Even managed to put a few tops down. Our first official winery stop was Rocky Creek Winery. There were craft booths, wine tasting and even a brief tour and lecture explaining their grapes and how they turn them into wines. Hillaries Cheese Farm was next. Here we sampled enough food to wonder if we really needed lunch. Cherry Point Vineyards welcomed us soon after for more sampling of both wine and food. We ended the run at Merridale Cidery for a great late lunch and even more sampling. All in all a grand day. Good food, good friends, good weather – what more could we ask???

...Marge Sabourin



A Day at Denman Island Aug. 22 , 2010

Assembled at Qualicum, an orderly mob,
For a day on Denman, just the job!
Onwards and upwards to Buckley Bay,
Losing no one on the way.
Boarded the ferry according to plan,
Perfect timing from Malcolm and Jan.
Park in a field by an antique barn,
For an open air lunch at a working farm.
Men in shorts with a picnic tote,
Even a chick in a Vegas coat!
To win some meat we thought we'd try,
And have our dinner at the FBI.
No room at the inn, so on to Henry's Place,
Discounts for seniors feeding their face,
Chicken Chow Mein, Sweet 'n' Sour Pork,
Some eat with chopsticks, some with a fork.
Were missing four members and two MGBs,
They're stuck on an Island surrounded by trees!
... *Alan King*



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The Montagu of Beaulieu Award

The Central Island Branch would like to submit Steve Harris and his wife Barbara to be considered for the Montagu of Beaulieu Award. As Steve has such an extensive collection of British cars, he was approached to give us his history with British cars.

Here is what Steve has to say about his love and preservation of British cars:

British Car Friendship..... Why British ? In the Automobile History in North America the cars seemed to me to be Cookie Cutter in production. In 1967 on Fred Deeley's lot and at the Annual Bayshore Inn British car show.... something different. My first car that year was from Fred Deeley on Broadway, a 1950 Morris Minor and the race was on. Today I look back and recall about 132 British cars, bought and sold usually to get a better one. My first Classic was acquired in 1971 ... a 1939 Humber Imperial drophead, coach built, and I still have it today. In the 70s and 80s I drove and self-taught /repaired many Bug-eyed Sprites, Morris Minors, TR3s TR4s, Austin Healeys, RR, various Austins, Vauxhalls, an XKE 1961 Coupe, Mini Woodie, MK5 Jag, XK140, and more. I acquired a 1929 Austin 7 in 1980 and still have it. By the early 80s I bought a 1930 Rolls Royce Landalette in need of lots of work...Then a 49 Bentley in 85 and still have that one having covered some travel distances with great success, also a Coach built.

Over 40 years I have repaired transmissions, fixed brakes and sorted out problems for friends and those in need. The first car I totally restored was a 59 Bug-eye, this car was Tricked for Slaloms and Gymkhanas in the early 70s... Many others 50% rebuilds. Then with the cars came the people and the tours. Each year for the past 22 years I have hosted a Spring or Fall Tour for the Rolls Royce Club taking them to most weekend corners of Vancouver Island.... And the Open House / Garage Tours of our 1896 home and car collection.... Mostly B.C. Clubs Antique and British. In May of 2009 Barbara and I hosted a Tea-Stop at Faulty Towers for the International Bentley / Alaska Tour, being an Oasis in their long drive. These cars were mostly Pre-1936 open Bentleys from the four corners of the World including a blower from the UK that has toured on every Continent with a Road, Great Bunch !

Today our collection is mostly coach/hand built cars, each of a different body style IE: Boat-tails... Sedanca... Tickford... Drophead... Saloon... Pillarless Coupe. These have come from the USA, India, The UK, and Local.... As examples of Rolling ART.... Ten in all plus three British Production built cars.

Occasionally we go to the UK visiting the Beaulieu Autojumble and Car Museums in

England and Scotland and some Car Club meets.... That really gets the Blood moving! ... And if I could not acquire the real car, I would collect a scale model with this collection being about 700 examples... (Wish they were all real).

The Last car restored is a 1961 Morris Minor Traveller AHHH ! ... and the current one is a 1933 Humber Vogue Coupe. The Next will be the 1930 Vauxhall Hurlingham Boat-tail... I really enjoy studying all aspects of Coach-Built styling, correct trim, colour, accessories, motors, finished look and balance. The hunt for rare parts is fun and trading or supplying another Collectors car under restoration some rare part or information gets more of the Pre-War cars back on the road.

I am an opportunity Collector, that is till I win the Lotto and then it will be time to build more Garages. The one thing I regret in the last 40 years is that the prices have risen a lot making it hard for a young first time enthusiast to enter this passion. As I grew in it, learning as I went, fun and scraped knuckles. Now has led to some very High -end Shops willing to Help , BUT this has led to some very nice cars and work "On The Road" and many Reproduction parts being made available. So All in All ... The British Car Hobby is in very good shape. As I work on my 1931 Standard, I recall the original body was a competition Won by the very young Jensen Brothers to design and build a Sports Style on a Standard STD chassis, but would win the crowd at the Olympia Motor Show, This Body was constructed in their fathers garage beside the family home..... AHHH for those days.....

Steve Harris

I wish to thank the club for nominating me for, and winning the 'Montagu of Beaulieu' award for 2010. I recognize good company with the other names on this trophy.

Historic preservation of our cars has long been a passion and the good people we have met along the road. I would like to bring to all members a thought. As I belong to 5 car clubs, I see very few young members. As we restore and enjoy these motor-machines we will need some one to carry on after we cannot. Try to get young people involved with the skills and driving interest, out to club events, preservation etc. It is harder to enter this hobby due to costs and a high bar/level of many very clean and well presented club cars. It is the respect learnt now that will ultimately keep these machines on the road for generations to come.

Again - Many thanks for the fine bit of silverware. Happy motoring

Steve & Barbara Harris

Minutes of August 17, 2010 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by past chair, Al Thompson substituting for absent chair Norm Hall, at 7:30PM with 33 members and partners attending.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Al and accepted as read.

Mike Bull, membership guy, introduced guest Ian Perry, who has a Rover 100 for sale, located in Powell River. He reported we have a total of 120 members and introduced new member John Moore and partner Nancy with a 1990 Jaguar XJ6. He also mentioned Judy Wall who was attending her first meeting. Regalia was shown and discussed.

Treasurer Bill Grace advised of cash on hand \$2178 and a surplus of \$1087.

Beano editor Jim Gislason said the new issue is the largest so far, due to reports of many summer events. It is now available online.

Under past events reports were entered about the following events:

Circle tour to Port Refrew-Candy Francis

Ladysmith Parade - Adrian Rice

MacLeans Mill - Cathy Gislason

All Triumph Drive In - Adele Hedges

Fillberg Show - Doug Unia

Cowichan Valley Run - Adele Hedges

Al Thompson talked about the Society AGM held at Comox with 12 members from our branch attending. Award winners were Frank DeCarlo - Oxo Cup, Dave Whitworth - Link Trophy, and Steve Harris - Montague of Beaulieu Award

Upcoming events include a day on Denman Island August 20 hosted by Malcolm and Janet Hargrave, and the Lighthouse Country Fall Fair Al Thompson wagonmaster. Candy also mentioned that some members are going to Qualicum Beach Wednesday evenings for a picnic.

Under old business, Tony Dowell's British car report mentioned the new Morgan, introduced at Pebble Beach.

Merv Steig's car of the month was the Ford Capri, identified by Doug Unia.

Under new business a motion was made by Candy Francis and seconded by Jim Gislason: I would like to make a motion that our Branch purchases an LCD Multimedia projector. The cost not to exceed \$784.00

The decision was made at the meeting that the motion will be tabled for further discussion and voted upon at our September meeting and for Candy, to email all members informing them of the motion on the table. This allow all members who are interested in giving their opinion either for or against, the opportunity to be in attendance. It will also give the Board a opportunity to review the concerns and any other members time to research the idea themselves. In this email, I will do my best to provide you with all of the information discussed at last nights meeting in an informative and unbiased manner. The specification sheets were passed around to any member who was interested in viewing them. Some ways that a Multimedia projector could be used are, but not

limited to:

making special technical presentations in power point or other formats
showing a slideshow of previous events at the meetings
use at the Banquet to have a year in review.

Geoff has been looking into various projectors with the help of Jim and has come up with 3 different projectors.

These are all in the lower- mid price range. Price can vary and be as expensive as a few thousand dollars. Taking into consideration what our Branch would primarily use it for, number 3 is our choice. Complete specification sheets will be brought to the next meeting. BenQ MP525 Projector cost with HST is \$727.97.

The 50-50 draw of \$35.50 was won by Mike Bull.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.



Wednesday nights at the 4 poles, Qualicum Beach

>>>> Jaguar Alert <<<<

Bygone Books
99 Commercial St.
Nanaimo 250 741 1766

... found a good quantity (about 30) of Jaguar books of better than average titles, all used in good condition...

...Steve Harris

Minutes of Sept. 10 , 2010 Executive Meeting

Chairman Norman Hall opened the meeting at 7:15 pm. Location was the ABC Restaurant in North Nanaimo. Present were Candy Francis (Events Coordinator), Bill Grace (Treasurer), Peggie Badger (Roster Secretary), Jim Gislason (Beano Newsletter Editor), and Al Thompson (Past Chairman). The following items were discussed, and decisions made as indicated:

1. **Chairman's Report for the Beano:** a general discussion about content. No decision.
2. **Emails:** (a) Email etiquette was discussed – members should to be reminded to be polite e.g. no yelling (capitals); (b) it was also noted – and discussed - that some spouses of members would like to be separately included as addresses on emails relating to club matters:

Decision: Moved by Peggie, Seconded by Candy, Carried - All email addresses, that have been given to the Club (including those of spouse emails) will now be shown on the Club Roster; anyone not wanting his/her email address to appear on the Roster should let Peggie Badger know. Also, the Bcc addressing protocol will apply to all branch-wide emails.

3. **Branch Questionnaire Results:** Candy reviewed the returns from the Questionnaire. Several members had input about the format of Club meetings. Info only at this time.
4. **Executive Responsibilities:** There was general discussion about the various Executive positions and about how our Branch is aligned with the guidance given by the Society/ Club. It appears that we are divergent in a couple of areas, however it was agreed to defer any attempt at alignment until a future date.
5. **Proposed Purchase of a Projector:** In relation to this item, details of the Branch's current financial status, as prepared by Treasurer Bill, was reviewed. It was clear that, when the current financial commitments are taken into account, purchase of the projector at the present time is not a reasonable option.

Decision: In view of the current financial situation, Candy stated that she would propose deferring the Motion to purchase the projector until the February 2011 time frame, when the Branch's financial commitments, and new dues flowing in, should mean we will be in better shape for a large purchase. All agreed.

6. **Beano – Cost of Printed Copies:** Still on the matter of Club finances, Jim noted that the 35 printed copies of the Beano are now costing approximately \$3.00 to \$4.00 a copy, depending on number of pages, due to the cost of laser printer (colour) ink. Jim also told us that the printed copy would only cost about \$1.00 a copy, if printed in Black and White (a colour version would always be at the Website. After a good deal of discussion, the following decision was taken:

Decision: To save the Club money, the Beano paper copied will now be printed only in Black and White; full colour copies will be available on the Website.

7. **Future Executive Meetings:** a general discussion only. No decision.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Minutes of Sept. 21 , 2010 Meeting

The meeting was opened at 7:33 pm by the branch chairman Norm Hall, with 33 people present. The minutes of the 17th August meeting were read by Doug Unia, and accepted as read. Then, at the Chairman's request, Al Thompson read the minutes of the Club Executive meeting of 10th September; they too were accepted as read. Moving to reports, Treasurer Bill Grace gave a summary of the latest financial statement, which was passed around for all to view. In the absence of the Membership Registrar, Peggie Badger stepped in to tell us that we now had 119 members - one member sadly passed away just recently. The Beano Editor and the Webmaster were not present, so there were no reports. In reviewing Past Events, brief reports were given by Malcolm Hargrave (Denman Island run), Al Thompson (Lighthouse Fall Fair show), Merv Steg (ABFM Portland), Doug Unia (Fort Rodd Hill weekend), Marilyn Tarry (Lantzville Minetown Days), Marg Sabourin (Cowichan Valley Wine tour), Bill Grace (Whistler All-British run), and Steve Harris ("Steamworks" Gastown event). In relation to Upcoming Events, Marge Sabourin noted that the Annual Banquet will be on 20th November at the Lantzville Legion; tickets are \$30 each and can be obtained from Marge. Wayne Peddie told us that the 2011 Brits on the Beach show will be on 17th July; he needs \$50 for new signs (the Executive will advise Wayne when funds are available). Old Business matters included Tony Dowell's regular comments on happenings in the British car industry, and Merv Steg's mystery car of the month (after many hints the "Elva" was guessed by Doug Unia). Also as Old Business, Candy Francis referred to her Motion at the August meeting, for purchase of a projector. Her Motion had been tabled for discussion at the September meeting. Following review of the matter by the club executive, and the discovery that sufficient funds for the purchase were not currently available, she proposed that her Motion to purchase the projector be put on hold until the February time-frame, when additional funding should become available. The proposal was seconded by Marge Sabourin. The Proposal was Agreed by show of hands. Steve Harris then suggested that the Club undertake a fund raising process to get the money for the projector; he proposed a "brown bag auction" of British items, which could be held at our meetings. Everyone thought this was a great idea that should be adopted (although it was unclear as to who had the action to make this happen). A good deal of discussion continued about the format of club meetings e.g. the number and type of presentations, whether there should be 'workshops', and how we would find/select presenters. Finally Peggie Badger made a Motion that an Executive position of Branch Presentation Co-ordinator be established and opened for election at the next branch AGM. The Motion was seconded by Marilyn Tarry. The Motion was Carried. The 50/50 draw was won by Adrian Rice. The Chairman announced that the next club meeting, on 19th October, would be our AGM for election of a new Executive. The meeting was adjourned 8:50 pm

...Al Thompson

Upcoming Events

Annual Banquet Nov. 20

Lantzville Legion



Upcoming Monthly meetings...

Oct. 19th, Nov. 16

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